

Department of Bacteriology

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Dear Luca:

Just received yours of August 1. Phyllis Rountree forwarded it from Sydney.

We have been having quite an interesting time here, though at times one might wish to be replanted in the efficient routine of one's home life.

I am pleased that you will accept the Stockholm invitation, though I hope this will complement rather than interfere with our plan of working together at Madison next Spring. We are rather looking forward to the massive effort we had been discussing together. We might count on making the trip to Stockholm together. We have not made other plans.

It is not absolutely excluded that we might return via India and Europe<sup>2</sup>- depending on the pressure of time and finances in November. If so, that could bring us to Rome about Nov. 18 & we would have to be back at Madison by Nov. 30. Just in case, can you let us know whether you will be 'at home' during those weeks? I would also leave it to you to make any arrangements you thought best for time in Rome--Milan, including the possibility of some lectures that might carry financial help. If this plan eventuates, we would have no other stopovers between Milan and Madison, and I would assume that that time of year there would be no difficulty in getting further reservations at short notice. At this moment, I am doubtful whether we can make this plan, but I think it better to have some advance notice, again 'just in case'.

Again, one consideration (but not the most compelling) is finance, as it will cost us about \$300 more each to return this way. Haldane is looking to see whether some of this might be raised in India, but is not too hopeful. Your optimism (or otherwise) in this respect would help in reaching a decision, but, as I said the main factor is the pressure of Madison business.

I should tell you that Stanford has made a choice for its Biology appointment--Charlie Yanofsky, and Art Kornberg is also moving there in Biochemistry. But I am sure many other opportunities are going to develop. As to Berkeley, we are still unsettled.